

NORTHWESTERN LHRC

Final Minutes

February 9, 2022

10:00 AM

via

Zoom for Healthcare

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carol Morgan – Member
Stacey Umbenour – Member
Emma Stasiak-Member
Vanessa Santiago-Member
Kevin LeVan-Member
Lisa Parlett-Member
Cathy Wolfe-Heberle
Linda Stasiak-Member

Members Absent

Chris Taylor – Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Hilleary – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1
Artea Ambrose – Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS Region #1
Eli Trantham – Wall Residences, Inc.
Kathy Crone-Horizon BH
Linda Booker-Horizon BH
Tracy Parker-VPNJ Services with Horizon BH
HBH#1

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin LeVan called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance made introductions. Chair welcomed attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was motioned to be approved by Cathy Wolfe-Heberle and seconded by Carol Morgan. The committee approved the agenda by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Vanessa Santiago – Approved
Carol Morgan – Approved
Emma Stasiak – Approved
Kevin LeVan – Approved
Cathy Wolf-Heberle-Approved
Lisa Parlett-Approved
Linda Stasiak-Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **NWLHRC August 2021 Minutes**

Minutes were motioned to be approved by Linda Stasiak and seconded by Carol Morgan. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote of 5-0.

Vanessa Santiago – Approved

Carol Morgan – Approved

Emma Stasiak – Approved

Kevin Levan – Approved

Linda Stasiak-Approved

* Cathy Wolfe-Heberle and Lisa Parlett did not vote as they were not present for this meeting.

- **NWLLHRC November 2021 Minutes**

Minutes were motioned to be approved by Carol Morgan and seconded by Linda Stasiak. The committee approved the minutes by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Vanessa Santiago – Approved

Carol Morgan – Approved

Emma Stasiak – Approved

Kevin Levan – Approved

Cathy Wolfe-Heberle-Approved

Lisa Parlett-Approved

Linda Stasiak-Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

*Committee Member Stacey Umbenour entered meeting.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADVOCATE REPORT AND TRAINING

- **Quarterly ANE and complaint statistics**

For the quarter ending 12/31/2021 in Region 1:

There were 379 total complaints (352 Provider/27 CSB) involving allegations of abuse/neglect/exploitation.

Of the 379 total complaints, 43 were substantiated. This is a percentage of 11.35% substantiated cases.

☐ **Summary of current Variances for R1**

There are no current variances for community-based providers in Region 1.

☐ **Updates**

Virginia's Opioid Crisis – As many of you know, the Chief Medical Examiner stated last year that 2020 was the worst year on record for fatal overdoses in Virginia. There was a 63% increase in the number of overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020. The numbers for 2021 are showing even worse news – there was a 17% increase in the first 9 months of 2021 as the same time frame in 2020. The Richmond Times Dispatch reported this week that “Virginia is on pace to record nearly 2,700 overdose deaths in 2021, a figure nearly four times higher than when the state began tracking overdoses in 2007 in response to the painkiller epidemic.” The paper also reported the epicenter of Virginia’s crisis is in Richmond, where there are 100 more overdose deaths than any other locality.

I know many of you have been working very hard to fight this epidemic, even before the pandemic brought alarming new trends in overdoses. The work to expand treatment access, increase prevention and community coalitions, expand harm reduction efforts, deploy multi-year federal [SOR](#) grants, and other activities has been critical. We will be pulling up to examine what else we can be doing at DBHDS, alongside CSBs and private providers, and with other agencies to reverse these trends. Thank you for staying in this battle.

COVID-19 Cases – As of 1/28/2022 Update: There are now 274 positive COVID-19 cases across the facilities. This is 180 staff and 94 patients. This is still an incredibly high number but we are very hopeful it will continue trending downward.

Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Form for Committee Members

This was emailed to all committee members. Please review, sign and email back to Heather Hilleary.

• **Upcoming Events**

Visit the OHR page on the DBHDS website for updated training opportunities. Please see below for upcoming statewide training opportunities between now and March, 2022.

Tuesday 2/15/2022	10:00a – 3:00p	Facility Investigation Training (FIT) <i>This training is designed for new and seasoned facility investigators alike. The training will cover human rights processes, the DI 201, and investigative process.</i> REGISTER HERE
FACILITIES ONLY		
Thursday 2/17/2022	10:00a- 12:00p	Restrictions, Behavioral Treatment Plans, & Restraints <i>This training is designed to educate the learner on regulatory requirements related to the use of restrictions, behavioral treatment plans, and restraints.</i> REGISTER HERE

Thursday 3/10/2022	10:00a- 3:00p	Investigating Abuse & Neglect: An Overview for Community Providers <i>This training is designed as an overview of the investigative process, specific to the investigation of abuse and neglect.</i> REGISTER HERE
Thursday 3/17/2022	9:30a- 12:30p	The Human Rights Regulations: An Overview <i>This training is designed to provide the learner an in-depth review of the Human Rights Regulations. Providers will increase their understanding of the Office of Human Rights processes and the responsibilities of the provider as mandated by the Human Rights Regulations.</i> REGISTER HERE

2022 SHRC Meetings

The SHRC will be meeting on the following dates in 2022. For details regarding meeting information, please reach out to an advocate in your region.

January 20, 2022

March 3, 2022

April 14, 2022

May 19, 2022

June 23, 2022

August 18, 2022

September 29, 2022

November 3, 2022

December 8, 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Welcome new committee members Cathy Wolfe-Heberle and Lisa Parlett. We appreciate your commitment to this committee and the individuals being served in our community.
- Entered into closed session.
- Upcoming Meetings for 2022: May 11, August 10, and November 9

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made by Kevin LeVan and seconded by Cathy Wolfe-Heberle, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purpose of discussion of treatment plans.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon reconvening in open session, each member certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters, lawfully exempted from statutory open session requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened, were considered in the closed session, namely to review an Individual's restriction plan and next friend request.

Motion made by Stacey Umbenour and seconded by Carol Morgan to approve the following as presented during closed session:

- Horizon BH-Next Friend
HBH#1-No recommendations
- Wall Residences, Inc.-Restriction
WR#1-No Recommendations

Vanessa Santiago – Approved
Carol Morgan – Approved
Emma Stasiak – Approved
Kevin Levan – Approved
Cathy Wolfe-Heberle-Approved
Lisa Parlett-Approved
Linda Stasiak-Approved
Stacey Umbenour-Approved

- Election of Officers.
Kevin LeVan nominated as Chairperson. The committee approved the nomination by unanimous vote of 8-0.

Vanessa Santiago – Approved
Carol Morgan – Approved
Emma Stasiak – Approved
Kevin Levan – Approved
Cathy Wolfe-Heberle-Approved
Lisa Parlett-Approved
Linda Stasiak-Approved
Stacey Umbenour-Approved

Stacey Umbenour nominated as Vice Chairperson. The committee approved the nomination by unanimous vote of 8-0.

Vanessa Santiago – Approved
Carol Morgan – Approved
Emma Stasiak – Approved
Kevin Levan – Approved
Cathy Wolfe-Heberle-Approved
Lisa Parlett-Approved

Linda Stasiak-Approved
Stacey Umbenour-Approved

- LHRC meetings for 2022: May 11th, August 10th, and November 9th
- Next meeting will be on May 11th, 2022 at 10:00 am at 209 West Criser Rd. #300, Front Royal, VA. And via Zoom for Healthcare

MEETING ADJOURNED

Hearing no other business items, Kevin LeVan adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM.

Minutes were transcribed by, Heather Hilleary, Human Rights Advocate.